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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 Illinois State Representative James D. "Jim" Fowler, who
5 passed away on December 22, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler was born in Saline County to Terry
7 and Helen (Jones) Fowler on June 11, 1934; he graduated from
8 Galatia High School in 1952 and attended Southern Illinois
9 University in Carbondale; he left to join the U.S. Navy and
10 proudly served his country for four years; he married Mable
11 Lane on November 25, 1956; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler was honorably discharged from the
13 Navy and enrolled in the Illinois State Police Academy in
14 Springfield; he spent 28 years serving the people of Southern
15 Illinois; in January 1985, he retired and became the Saline
16 County Clerk and Recorder and served for 14 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler was elected to two consecutive terms
18 in the Illinois State Legislature and represented the people
19 of the 118th district for four years; his working career
20 spanned 46 years of public service to the people of Southern
21 Illinois until his final retirement in January of 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler was a member of First Church of God in
2 Harrisburg; he could usually be found doing something behind
3 the scenes and was always willing to serve on any committee or
4 in any capacity where he was needed; he enjoyed hunting and
5 fishing and was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler was preceded in death by his parents
7 and his brother, Jack Fowler; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Fowler is survived by his wife of 64 years,
9 Mable; his daughters, Cindy (Kevin) Porter and Beth (Wes)
10 Evans; his grandchildren, Adam (Lori) Porter, Daniel Porter,
11 Megan (John) Lemonds, J.D. (Tarah) Evans, and Rachel Evans;
12 his great-grandchildren, Landon and Addy Beth Porter, Jolee,
13 Avree, and Kaydee Porter, Emma and Judah Lemonds, and Jaylee,
14 Abigail, Samuel, James, Isaiah, and Ethan Evans; his sister,
15 Sue Fowler; and his brother, Melvin Fowler; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative
19 James D. "Jim" Fowler and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Rep. Fowler as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.